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SUBJ: PUBLICATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS REPORT ON BRAZIL

REFS: (A) BRASILIA 1842 (B) STATE 52925

1. WE BELIEVE THE BRAZILIAN RENUNCIATION OF PARTICIPATION IN
SECURITY ASSISTANCE UNDER EXISTING LEGISLATIVE REQUIREMENTS MUST
BE ACTED UPON THE DEPARTMENT WELL BEFORE CONGRESS
CONSIDERS THE FY-78 SECURITY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM.
WE TAKE THIS POSITION FULLY AWARE THAT THE REMOVAL OF BRAZIL
FROM THE PROGRAM MAY ATTRACT CONGRESSIONAL INTEREST IN
THE BRAZILIAN INTERNAL SITUATION.

2. THE BRAZILIAN NOTE AND ITS ATTENDANT PUBLICITY HAVE
MADE IT UNMISTAKABLE CLEAR TO US THAT THE GOB DOES NOT WANT
THE LEGISLATIVE PROCESS, AS IT CONCERNS BRAZIL, TO GO FORWARD.
FOR THE USG NOT TO ACT AS THE GOB HAS REQUESTED (OR DEMANDED),
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UNDER THE ASSUMPTION THAT WE COULD SAVE THEM FROM
THE CONSEQUENCES OF THEIR RASH ACT, WOULD IN MY
JUDGMENT CONSTITUTE A AFFRONT TO BRAZILIAN SENSIBILITIES
AND BE CONSIDERED A UNILATERAL, ARROGANT AND
PATERNALISTIC IGNORING BY THE USG OF THE GOB POSITION.
WE HAVE NO DOUBT THAT OUR "PROTECTIVE" EFFORTS WOULD
BE UNCOVERED BY THE PRESS AND PUBLICIZED HERE TO

OUR MUTUAL EMBARRASSMENT.

3. AS WE INDICATED IN REF A, HOWEVER, THERE IS EVIDENCE THAT THE GOB DID NOT FULLY CONSIDER ALL THE OPERATIONAL RAMIFICATIONS OF ITS RENUNCIATION OF SECURITY ASSISTANCE. WE BELIEVE THERE IS SUFFICIENT TIME TO PERMIT ONE LAST EFFORT TO DETERMINE THAT THE GOB HAS THOROUGHLY STAFFED AND UNDERSTOOD THE SECURITY ASSISTANCE ELEMENTS INVOLVED, BEFORE MOVING AHEAD WITH APPROPRIATE EFFORTS TO INFORM CONGRESS OF BRAZIL'S REQUEST FOR REMOVAL FROM CONSIDERATION.

4. ON FRIDAY (MARCH 11) ADMIRAL CALLAGHAN, CHAIRMAN OF THE US DELEGATION TO JBUSMC, WILL RESPOND INFORMALLY TO HIS OPPOSITE, ADMIRAL JANUZZI REGARDING JANUZZI'S EARLIER (MARCH 7) BELIEF THAT FMS CASH SALES WOULD NOT BE AFFECTED BY THE GOB RENUNCIATION. ADMIRAL CALLAGHAN WILL MAKE CLEAR THAT THE RENUNCIATION WILL PROHIBIT THE USE OF FMS CASH PURCHASE TRANSACTIONS BY THE GOB, THE SECURITY ASSISTANCE INGREDIENT WE BELIEVE THE BRAZILIANS MOST VALUE AND DO NOT RPT NOT APPEAR TO HAVE BELIEVED THEY WILL LOSE. TOGETHER WITH THE DEPARTMENT'S REPRESENTATIONS TO AMBASSADOR PINHEIRO (REF B) AND MY OWN TO ITAMARATY (REF A) THIS CLARIFICATION TO JANUZZI SHOULD STIMULATE ONE MORE GOB REVIEW OF THE IMPLICATIONS OF THE RENUNCIATION.

5. ON THE WASHINGTON SIDE, I THINK IT PRUDENT THAT THE DEPARTMENT NOTIFY PINHEIRO ON MONDAY, MARCH 14, THAT IT INTENDS TO CONFIDENTIAL

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NOTIFY CONGRESS ON MARCH 17 OF THE BRAZILIAN RENUNCIATION AND TO REQUEST THE CONGRESS TO WITHDRAW THE BRAZILIAN PROGRAM FROM CONSIDERATION. THE THREE-DAY INTERVAL WOULD BE INTENDED TO GIVE THE GOB A LAST OPPORTUNITY TO EXPRESS ANY CHANGES IN ITS VIEWS. BY MARCH 17 GOB MISGIVINGS, IF ANY, ABOUT CASH SALES, FOR EXAMPLE, SHOULD SURFACE.
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